

### **Amendments to the Claims**

**Kindly cancel claims 1-6 presently in the application.**

**Kindly add new claims 7-14.**

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals containing not more than 5 ppm of residual 1,2-dichloroethane.

Claim 8 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals prepared by a process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises removing at least some of the residual 1,2-dichloroethane from crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm.

Claim 9 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals prepared by a process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises adding an aqueous C<sub>2-4</sub> alcohol to crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm, removing said 1,2-dichloroethane by azeotropic distillation to obtain a residual mixture, followed by collecting precipitated crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing not more than 5 ppm of 1,2-dichloroethane from the residual mixture.

Claim 10 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals prepared by a process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises:

(a) dissolving crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm in an aqueous C<sub>2-4</sub> alcohol, and subjecting the resultant mixture to azeotropic distillation;

(b) stopping the distillation after the azeotropic distillation of said 1,2-dichloroethane is completed to obtain a residual mixture;

(c) cooling the residual mixture to precipitate crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing not more than 5 ppm of 1,2-dichloroethane; and

(d) collecting the precipitated crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide by filtration and drying thereof.

Claim 11 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals prepared by a process for the preparation of crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of not more than 5 ppm, which comprises:

(a) dissolving crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing residual 1,2-dichloroethane of more than 5 ppm in an aqueous C<sub>2-4</sub> alcohol, and subjecting the resultant mixture to azeotropic distillation;

(b) stopping the distillation after the azeotropic distillation of said 1,2-dichloroethane is completed to obtain a residual mixture;

(c1) adding the same C<sub>2-4</sub> alcohol as used in (a) and/or water to the residual mixture obtained in (b), dissolving the residual mixture with heating, and cooling thereof to precipitate crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide containing not more than 5 ppm of 1,2-dichloroethane; and

(d1) collecting the precipitated crystals of 1,2-benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide by filtration and drying thereof.

Claim 12 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals according to claim 9, wherein the aqueous C<sub>2-4</sub> alcohol is an aqueous isopropanol.

Claim 13 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals according to claim 9, wherein the aqueous C<sub>2-4</sub> alcohol is isopropanol containing water in an amount of 35 to 65 % by volume.

Claim 14 (New) 1,2-Benzisoxazole-3-methanesulfonamide crystals according to claim 10, wherein the temperature at which the distillation is stopped is in the range of from 78°C to 100°C.